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SUBJECT: EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY LAUNCHES TREATY REVIEW

REF: NAIROBI 6133

1. MINISTERS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY STATES WILL MEET IN NAIROBI NEXT WEEK TO ESTABLISH AND DRAW UP GUIDELINES FOR COMMISSION TO REVIEW TREATY FOR EAST AFRICA COOPERATION, ACCORDING TO AUG. 14 ANNOUNCEMENT BY EAC SYG IN ARUSHA. OFFICIAL KENYA NEWS AGENCY CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT, STRESSING THAT REVIEW MANDATE DERIVES FROM PRESIDENTS OF 3 MEMBER STATES WHO ARE "COMMITTED TO CONSOLIDATION AND STRENGTHENING" OF EAC.

2. KNA SAYS MINISTERIAL GROUP WILL CONSIST OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL AND OTHER MINISTERS. ACCORDING TO USAID REP AT ARUSHA, KENYA DEL WILL INCLUDE ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO, FINANCE MIN KIBAKI AND MINISTER POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS

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OMOLO-OKERO. THIS IS COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION FORECAST

BY OMOLO-OKERO IN LONDON INTERVIEW WITH TIMES OF ZAMBIA
PUBLISHED AUGUST 2. OMOLO-OKERO OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS-
SUMPTION REPORTED REFTEL THAT COMMON SERVICES ORGANIZA-
TIONS WILL BE "DECENTRALIZED" UNDER REVISED TREATY, PLAC-
ING RAILWAYS, HKJBORS AND POSTAL-TELECOMMUNICATIONS SER-
VICES UNDER NATIONAL CONTROL. (HIS OMISSION OF EAST
AFRICAN AIRWAYS TENDS TO CONFIRM SUGGESTION REFTEL THAT
IT MAY RETAIN EAC IDENTITY). OMOLO-OKERO CONCEDED THAT
EAC MIGHT UNDERTAKE CERTAIN PLANNING FUNCTIONS FOR COM-
MON SERVICES AFTER THEY ARE SPLIT UP.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD EXPECT KENYA TO PUSH FOR TREATY
REVISION WHICH WOULD REMOVE CONTENTIOUS COMMON SERVICES
ISSUES FROM EAC BY BREAKING UP THREE CORPORATIONS,
WHILE RETAINING BENEFITS OF CUSTOMS UNION AND COMMONLY FUNDED
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS. GOK HAS THUS SOUGHT TO PORTRAY
CREATION OF REVIEW COMMISSION IN BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT.
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